

REMARKS

The present application was filed on February 19, 2004, with claims 1-33. The present application claims priority to U.S. provisional application Serial No. 60/468,200, filed May 6, 2003. Claims 1-33 were pending in the present application prior to the amendments made herein. Claims 1 and 30-33 were the pending independent claims.

In the Decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences dated March 21, 2008, the final rejection of claims 1-7, 9-16, 20, 23-26, and 30-33 was sustained, and the final rejection of claims 27 and 29 was reversed. Claims 8, 17-19, 21, 22, and 28 were indicated as containing allowable subject matter, and were not part of the appeal.

In the present amendment, Applicant has amended independent claim 1 to incorporate the limitations of allowable dependent claim 8. Similar amendments have been made to independent claims 30-33. Dependent claim 8 has been canceled.

Also, allowable dependent claims 17, 21, and 27 have been rewritten in independent form.

In view of the indications of allowable subject matter, it is believed that the present amendment places the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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